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ABOUT SB/SCAP

The primary mission of the DEQ's Small Business & Small Community Assistance Program is to provide important environmental regulatory assistance to small businesses and to provide environmental regulatory information to small communities.

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New EPA regulations for gas dispensing facilities

Gasoline dispensing facilities, such as gasoline stations, convenience stores, rental agencies and motor pools, will be subject to new EPA requirements to reduce air pollution. The gasoline vapor from these places contains hazardous air pollutants that pose a health risk when inhaled. By installing controls required in this rule, the amount of HAP released to the atmosphere could be reduced by about five million pounds.

This rule applies to both existing and new GDFs. The rule also applies to tank trucks during delivery of product to a GDF.

The equipment used for refueling of motor vehicles is not covered by this rule, but is controlled by other regulations set in the 1990s.

This is a short list of things a gasoline dispensing facility must do to meet the EPA's new rule requirements.

Equipment Requirements (vary by size)

- 1. Facilities with a monthly flow of *under* 10,000 gallons must:
- Minimize spills, and if there is a spill, clean it up as quickly as possible.
- Cover gasoline containers & storage tank fill pipes with gasket seal
- Minimize gasoline sent to open collection systems.
- 2. Facilities with a monthly flow *at or above* 10,000 gallons must meet all of the requirements in No. 1 and also:
- Load all storage tanks at or above 250 gallons capacity using submerged fill (drop tubes).

- 3. Facilities with a monthly flow *at* or above 100,000 gallons must meet all of the requirements in No. 1 and No. 2 and either:
- Operate a vapor balance system that meets a specified enforceable state, local, or tribal rule or permit -or-
- Operate vapor balance system during storage tank loadings, test the system periodically to make sure it works correctly, and includes specific equipment and work practices, or meets 95 percent control.

Owners and operators of GDF constructed since November 9, 2006, must comply with the new requirement upon startup or Jan. 10, 2008, whichever is later (New Sources). Existing GDF must comply with the new requirement by January 10, 2011 (Existing Sources).

For more details and assistance, please visit: www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/ arearules.html or contact LDEQ Small Business Assistance Program at 1-800-259-2890 or 225-219-3969.



Are you recycling "Ewaste" at your place of business?

Business and local waste management officials are facing a new challenge, the disposal of discarded electronics; also known as "Ewaste." Millions of consumers are buying new electronic products and simply discarding older functioning products. These televisions, computers, cell phones, and other appliances could have a second life if they were donated to a recycling or reuse program. Donating these items can help rescue lost resources and prevent unwanted materials from going into municipal landfills.

The LDEQ does not collect electronics for recycling but does provide a list of recyclers. Please visit: www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/ tabid/186/Default.aspx.

Some helpful links to manage or donate your electronic equipment are listed below:

www.cacrc.com—Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council—a nonprofit organization in Louisiana;

www.pcsforschools.org—Computers for Schools Association— will assist you in donating your computer to schools in your



area: and www.cristina.org/dsf/—National Christina Foundation—accepts donated computes to give to people with disabilities and students at risk.

What to do with leftover paints?



Paints commonly used businesses and households are:

Water-basedlatex-least harmful, pre-1992 paint may contain

mercury;

Oil-based-enamel, lacquer, shellac and varnish—contains solvents;

Hobby or artist-coloring paints-may contain solvents or heavy metals; and Aerosols-spray paints—contain solvents and propellants.

For usable paints

• Use them up or give them to someone who can. Usable latex paint could be donated to theatre groups, community betterment groups, schools, daycare centers and graffiti removal projects. Before sharing usable latex paint, determine if it contains mercury (pre-

1992 paint). If it does, inform your recipient and suggest they use it only for exterior surfaces.

• Your community may sponsor a paint exchange for usable paint. If not, organize a paint exchange between members of local clubs, service organizations or other groups. Inform participants of the paint-exchange that latex paint containing mercury should be used only on exterior surfaces. As a general rule, for paint to be usable by someone else, at least one-third of a gallon should remain in the original can with a legible label.

For unusable or frozen paints

- Never put liquid paint into the trash or pour it down the drain unless instructed to do so by local waste officials. Paint disposed of this way can contaminate our water resources and the environment.
- As a last resort, small amounts of paint can be solidified. Because of the increased health and safety risks

involved in solidifying oil based paints, contact your local city or county officials for other proper disposal methods. Call your local recycling coordinator to see if the empty cans and lids can be recycled.

- Unusable oil-based paints should be brought to your local household hazardous waste collection event.
- Dry unwanted latex paint outdoors, keep it away from children and animals, and discard with household trash in a plastic lined box. Add kitty litter to make sure there are no residual liquids. Remove paint can lids so trash removers can see that the cans are empty or the paint is dry.

Household Hazardous Materials Col**lection Day**—for East Baton Rouge Parish Residents only—Memorial Stadium Parking Lot, (East Side Only) in Baton Rouge, La.; Saturday, November 21, 2009; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEB SITES FOR FLUORESC LAMP RECYCLING:

Spent mercury-containing lamp recycling

www.energystar.gov/cfls www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling

Find a recycling location near you

www.lamprecycle.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Dec. 10—Sanitary Wastewater Compliance Assistance Training,

Baton Rouge, La., 8 a.m.-Noon; to register, call 225-219-3720

Dec. 31—UST Worker Certification expires

Dec. 31—Lead Contractor Letter of Approval expires

COMING SOON NEAR YOU.... "Sewage Sludge Hauling: Rules and Regulations, How They Apply to You" TRAINING

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